

Dickson-Williams Mansion  
Cor. North Irish and West Church Streets  
Greeneville  
Greene County  
Tennessee

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Street Address or Location: Corner of North Irish and West Church Streets,  
Greeneville, Greene County, Tennessee

Present Owner: Greeneville Hospital

Present Use: Hospital

Brief Statement of Significance: In converting this early nineteenth century building into a hospital, much of the original structure has been concealed. Many famous people were entertained here, including Presidents Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Original owner: William Dickson
2. Date of erection: Early nineteenth century
3. Architect, builder: Battersby and Hoy

- B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: One of the early mansions of Greene County. Many famous people were entertained here, including President Andrew Jackson in 1835, President James K. Polk, John Bell (Candidate for President), Felix Grundy.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Some of the original architectural features of this building have survived the conversion into a hospital.
2. Condition of fabric: Building is now used as a hospital. Many recent additions have nearly concealed the original building. The original circular stair, three stories high and a small amount of original woodwork still remain.

## B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Foundations: Brick
2. Wall construction: Brick
3. Chimneys: Four original brick chimneys still stand.

4. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable - Tin
- b. Cornice, eaves: Molded brick cornice on original section of building

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

- 1. Floor plans: Three-story structure very much altered to permit use as a hospital.
- 2. Stairways: Original circular stair, three stories high remains. Original newels have been replaced with newels of the Victorian period.
- 3. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster
- 4. Lighting: Modern - electric
- 5. Heating: Modern - furnace

D. Site:

- 1. General setting and orientation: The front of the original building faced east-southeast. The rear of the original structure is now the front of the hospital.
- 2. Landscaping: Some original boxwood remains. Original gardens in front of house, a block long, are now built up with homes and businesses.

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